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**TESTIMONY OF RICHARD A. SODERMAN  
THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY  
and YANKEE GAS SERVICES COMPANY**

**Energy and Technology Committee  
March 10, 2011**

**Re: H.B. No. 6543 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Good afternoon. My name is Richard Soderman, and I am Director of Legislative Policy and Strategy for Northeast Utilities Service Company, appearing on behalf of the Connecticut Light and Power Company and Yankee Gas Services Company.

This proposed bill calls for the DPUC to open a docket to develop in state renewable technologies. We support the concept of a docket to examine renewable technologies, but we think that the proceeding should go further than as described in the proposed language. Connecticut's renewable energy strategies continue to be developed using a piece-meal approach, with multiple incentives and programs implemented over the last decade without an overall energy policy. We recommend that the state, perhaps through the DPUC or the new energy and environmental protection organization espoused by Gov. Malloy, should perform a full review of the various clean energy programs already implemented and potential technologies for the future as part of an overall evaluation of Connecticut's energy policy. We recommend that such examination look at technologies in view of commercialization, cost, job creation and degradation (due to adverse impacts on rates), timing and ability for consumers to afford such programs.

For your information, we have found that, when states encourage in-state technologies, they sometimes run into other obstacles that should be addressed in any DPUC review. For example, when Massachusetts tried to encourage in-state renewable technologies through limitations in the RFP processes, it ran into problems with complaints from out-of-state providers raising commerce clause issues. Any solutions that the DPUC develops with under this act may need to be mindful of this potential issue. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this proposal.